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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF PETROVEN TO THE U.S.

1. GEN RAFAEL ALFONZO RAVARD, PRESIDENT OF PETROVEN, ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE SOURCE, WILL BE TRAVELING TO THE UNITED STATES DEC 1 THROUGH 5 PRIMARILY TO VISIT IMPORTANT PUBLICATIONS IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND BOSTON. ALFONZO RAVARD WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A GOV PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPERT. HE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE OF VENEZUELA'S NATIONALIZED PETROLEUM INDUSTRY WITH THE WASHINGTON POST AND STAG. NY TIMES, FORTUNE, BUSINESS WEEK, WALL STREET JOURNAL, BOSTON GLOBE AND CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR AMONG OTHERS.

2. COMMENT: GENERAL ALFONZO MADE HIS FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT SINCE HE WAS NAMED PRESIDENT OF PETROVEN ON NOV 20 TO THE VENEZUELAN PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION. HIS STATEMENT WAS OBVIOUSLY MEANT TO REASSURE THE PUBLIC THAT THE OIL INDUSTRY WILL BE OPERATED IN A BUSINESS-LIKE, OPEN FASHION, STRESSING THAT EVERYTHING GOOD ABOUT THE PRIVATE COMPANIES WILL BE PRESERVED. HE APPARENTLY WISHES TO CONVEY A SIMILAR MESSAGE TO THE U.S. MEDIA.  
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